**Procedures for Identifying Gifted Students in 1st Grade**

1. There is a blanket screening for all first graders. The student must score 90% or higher on this screener for the process to proceed.
2. Scales for Identifying Gifted Students (SIGS) will be used to determine behavioral characteristics of superior students. The regular education teacher will fill out the School Rating Scale and a Home Rating Scale will be sent home for the parent or guardian to fill out. It is necessary for the child to receive a combined score within the 90% of two of the categories in order to move on to the final stage of testing.
3. All of the above are documented on a pre-evaluation form.
4. The Local Screening Committee will determine if the student is eligibility.
5. The gifted coordinator obtains the parent’s permission to test and sends home a copy of the “Privacy Rights of Parent and Students” at this time.
6. The above information is given to the licensed examiner and the student must score in the 91st percentile on the individual assessment. Those students who are disadvantaged and who do not make the required score, may be considered for emerging potential and will receive the Gifted Matrix in which a total point score of 15 must be achieved.
7. If the student did not meet the criteria, a letter will be sent home to the parents explaining that the student will not be eligible for the Gifted Program.
8. If the required score was obtained, a Parent Permission to Place form and the State Department of Education Gifted Pupil Personal Data Sheet must be signed by the parent.
9. The student is placed into the Gifted Program in the Holly Springs Public Schools.